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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This responds to the Restriction Requirement dated November 4, 2002. To advance prosecution and to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims 73-110, 122-127 and 150-158 of Examiner's Group II, drawn to a method for controlling a PSA apparatus, for prosecution in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and ask that it be withdrawn as being improper. Applicants disagree with the Examiner's stated reasons provided to support the requirement for restriction. Moreover, even if, solely for the purposes of argument, the claims of Examiner's Groups I and II are considered drawn to independent and distinct inventions, applicants maintain that searching and examining all pending claims together in the present application would not present an undue burden for the Examiner.


For the reasons stated above, applicants request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

The present application is ready for substantive examination, and such action is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if any additional questions remain before this application is examined substantively.

Respectfully submitted,

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